

## CLAIMS

1. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus for operation with a memory for storing a plurality of appointment entries, each appointment entry including data specifying a time and a place; the personal organiser comprising:

a locating unit capable of determining the location of the personal organiser;

a clock capable of determining the present time;

*mobile phone*

an alerting unit for generating an alert to a user; and

an alert processor coupled to the memory, the locating unit, the clock and the alerting unit and capable of actuating the alerting unit at a period before the stored time for an appointment entry that is dependant on the stored place for that appointment entry and the determined location of the personal organiser.

2. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the personal organiser comprises at least part of the memory.

3. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the locating unit is capable of periodically determining the location of the personal organiser and making that available to the alert processor.

4. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the memory is capable of storing information defining the location of the place specified for the appointment entry.

5. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the alert processor is capable of estimating the journey time needed to travel from the location of the personal organiser to the location of the place of the appointment entry and actuating the alerting unit at a period before the stored time for an appointment entry that is dependant on that journey time.

6. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the alert processor is capable of actuating the alerting unit when it determines that the

present time is after the time determined by subtracting the estimated journey time from the stored time of the appointment entry.

7. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the alert processor is capable of actuating the alerting unit when it determines that the present time is after the time determined by subtracting the estimated journey time and an additional time period from the stored time of the appointment entry.

8. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the locating unit is capable of determining the location of the personal organiser by means of a cellular telephone network.

9. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the personal organiser is capable of acting as a cellular telephone for making and/or receiving telephone calls.

10. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the alert is an audible alert.

11. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, wherein the alert is a silent alert.

12. Location-dependant personal organiser apparatus substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawing.